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From Intern to Anchor

Brian Williams began his career in Carter-Mondale White House

When you think of Brian Williams, you probably picture the successful anchor and managing editor of the “NBC Nightly News.” His reporting on 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina, his delivery of daily news, and even his occasional banter with Jon Stewart of “The Daily Show” likely come to mind.

But before he became an Emmy-winning reporter, Williams tested his quick wit and got a behind-the-scenes look at government as an intern in the Carter-Mondale administration.

Williams was a financially struggling Catholic University student when a roommate told him of an internship opening

at the White House. Although he didn’t consider himself a “political” person, Williams recognized the value of the opportunity, applied, and was hired to work in the political liaison office under the direction of Scott Burnett.

Of his days on the job, Williams recalls, “Some of our favorite pastimes—which is probably true for all White House interns—were writing letters to friends and girlfriends on White House stationery, using the WATS line to call home, and wearing the White House pass out on the town, which got you a lot of attention.”

In the Old Executive Office Building, which employees called the “Old EOB,” in room 404, Williams and other interns worked six or more days per week, handling constituent correspondence, answering questions from Midwestern politicians, and guiding visitors on seemingly endless West Wing tours.

One evening, Williams led a family through the West Wing, but a Secret Service agent stopped him as he neared the Oval Office, where coffee and sandwiches were being delivered. The agent pulled Williams aside and whispered, “You can’t be here tonight. There is something going down in the desert in Iran.” The next morning, Americans learned of the Iran hostage rescue mission.

Williams says he is grateful for the “care, advice, and support of Scott Burnett and Kelly Muchoney, who realized I was hard up since I only had one blue blazer in my wardrobe and very little money.” They helped him with finances and professional direction during his year in the White House.



NBC news anchor Brian Williams, then a White House intern, provided President Carter with an impromptu photo op after the 1980 Super Tuesday primaries.

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'Eyewitness' Exhibit Comes to Library

The Jimmy Carter Library and Museum will host a traveling exhibition, "Eyewitness: American Originals from the National Archives," which has won rapid acclaim for its vivid portrayal of important historical events. "Eyewitness" presents first-hand accounts by 25 people, ranging from everyday citizens to prisoners of war to American presidents. On display will be George Washington's 1775 report on a bioterrorism threat; testimony of President Lincoln's doctor describing his patient's condition after he was shot on April 14, 1865; a message telecast from lunar orbit in 1968 by the crew of Apollo 8; and former U.S. President Jimmy Carter's diary entries describing the 1979 papal visit to the White House.

"Eyewitness" opened in Washington, D.C., in June to rave reviews, including this praise from The New York Times:

"These diaries, letters, photographs, and tapes engage not in recounting facts but in reacting to events. The events may be immense, but the personal experience is haunting and illuminating... [The accounts provide a] sensation in which you hear, in miscellany and energy and compassion and despair and hope, the astonishing pulse of the national experience."



President Carter released his diary entries describing Pope John Paul II's groundbreaking 1979 visit to the White House for inclusion in the exhibition "Eyewitness: American Originals from the National Archives," which will be on display in the Carter Library and Museum until April 2007.

"Eyewitness" stories are told with original documents, audio, video, and life-sized photographs. Some will hold particular appeal for Georgians. The accounts include the testimony of Atlanta's John Lewis about the "Bloody Sunday" confrontation during the 1965 Selma-to-Montgomery civil rights march and President Carter's notes on Pope John Paul II's 1979 visit to the White House.

The exhibit will stay in Atlanta, its first stop after the Washington opening, until late April 2007, when it travels to the U.S. Constitution Center in Philadelphia and three other venues.

See the National Archives Web site (www.archives.gov) for more information.

Legislation Creates New Opportunities to Support Center

A tax-law change, a result of the Pension Protection Act of 2006, has made it possible for individuals age 70 1/2 or older to make outright gifts to The Carter Center directly from an individual retirement account.

A gift from an IRA is treated as a qualified distribution, as if the funds were paid to the IRA holder. You can, however, exclude the amount of the gift from your gross income for tax purposes. While the contribution is not eligible for a charitable deduction, there is no income tax due on the transfer. The law remains in effect through Dec. 31, 2007. Individuals can give up to \$100,000 from IRA accounts to qualified charities per calendar year.

Check with your IRA provider to learn about restrictions and how to make such a gift to The Carter Center. The Center also recommends consulting an attorney or financial planner prior to making a donation under the provisions of this legislation.

Questions regarding the Pension Protection Act and charitable gifts to the Center should be directed to Rhonda Schultz in the Office of Gift Planning at (800) 550-3560, ext. 868, or by e-mail to rhonda.schultz@emory.edu.

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Intern to Anchor

As an intern, Williams learned a great deal that would serve him well throughout his career. Watching Walter Cronkite, Williams dreamed of becoming a television journalist from an early age. But it was during his White House days that he gained maturity and developed an understanding of the hard work and dedication he'd need to be successful, Williams said. It was there that he learned also about the occasional need to put oneself in the spotlight. On the day of the 1980 Super Tuesday primaries, Williams stood with a group of staffers on the White House lawn to watch the president depart for a campaign trip. He held up the day's New York Post bearing the headline, "Carter Can't Miss." As the cameras clicked, President Carter made a beeline straight to Williams.

In 1980, after the administration and its interns were "involuntarily retired," Williams worked as a clerk typist at

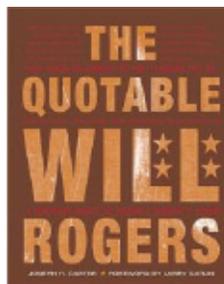
the National Association of Broadcasters. Just when he was approaching the proficiency of 75 words a minute on his IBM Selectric II, a television station owner from Pittsburg, Kan., spotted him (actually, Williams' chair was a bit in the way) and invited him to try on-the-air work.

Today, when he passes the Old EOB on the way to interview one world leader or another, Williams says he often remembers with great affection "the evenings sitting there up on the fourth floor, on the WATS line, explaining to a county commissioner in southern Illinois why President Carter was unable to go to his barbecue."

There is a postscript to this internship success story. A decade after serving in the White House, Williams met Jane Stoddard, another former Carter-Mondale intern who had slogged away over at the State Department's intern bureau at the same time he was at the White House. This Carter-Mondale administration romance culminated in their marriage. The couple have two children, and in 1996 the National Father's Day Committee named Williams "Father of the Year."

BOOK CLUB

Joseph H. Carter (no relation to President Carter) wrote "The Quotable Will Rogers," published in 2006 by Gibbs Smith (www.gibbs-smith.com). Carter was deputy assistant director and spokesman for the White House Council on Wage and Price Controls in 1976. In 1999 he retired to full-time writing after a stint as director of Oklahoma's Will Rogers Memorial Commission. "As a Will Rogers biographer and former aide and longtime friend of Jimmy Carter, I can attest to a great similarity in character, wisdom, and vision," Carter said.



This is Joseph Carter's third biography of the cowboy-actor, following his 1991 Harper Collins title "Never Met a Man I Didn't Like: The Life and Writing of Will Rogers" and Terrell Publishing's "Will Rogers Memorial and Birthplace." Carter also launched the five-volume "Papers of Will Rogers," published by the University of Oklahoma Press, and authored a three-part series on Will Rogers in American Cowboy magazine. In 1991 Carter and his wife, **Michelle**, helped open the Broadway musical "The Will Rogers Follies: A Life Revue," which won six Tony Awards.

Paul Jensen, who worked for the Labor Department during the Carter-Mondale administration and later as a political consultant, has a new book from Pronghorn Press (www.pronghornpress.org), "Hard and Noble Lives: A Living Tradition of Cowboys and Ranchers in Wyoming's Hoback Basin," exploring the historical contributions of cowboys and ranchers to the development of the western United States.

James Fallows, former chief speechwriter for President Carter and now national correspondent for The Atlantic Monthly and author of several books of his own, writes on the back cover: "Hard and Noble Lives' is a very impressive combination of regional history, personal memoir, and up-to-the-moment sociology. After a career in the upper levels of American politics, Paul Jensen reinvented himself as a professional cowboy, and he has earned the right to tell the story of his part of the West."

Some three years ago, Jensen traded in his 30-year career in national politics and business to pursue his lifelong dream of being a cowboy. Jensen moved to Wyoming, where he has since worked as a cowboy, substitute teacher, ski-lift operator, and, most recently, director of Rendezvous Pointe, a senior and community center in Sublette County. He lives with his wife, **Sherrill**, and 8-year-old daughter, **Lily**.

"The life stories of my book's characters are the stories of ordinary people who did extraordinary things. They remind us ... how much of even recent history has been shaped by the courage and determination of ordinary people," said Jensen.

Comings & Goings

Elaine Baxter and her husband, **Harry**, live in Iowa, where Harry was elected to the Iowa House and then served as secretary of state through 1994. Both remain active in Iowa politics and hope to help select a Democratic candidate who can go on to win the presidential race in 2008. Harry was an early supporter of President Carter in Iowa, and Elaine served in the Office of Congressional Relations in the Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1979 and 1980.

It has been a year of anniversaries for **Chip Bishop** and **Jane “Nici” Nichols Bishop**. In July 2006, they marked the 10th anniversary of their Cape Cod consulting business, Chip Bishop Communications and Management Inc., and a trip to Tuscany in October marked the 25th anniversary of their campaign marriage. Their son **Joe**, a “rugrat” in several 1980 campaign offices, is a project manager in the business, a part-time radio news producer for WQRC-FM, and a successful community actor.

Bill Briggs is working on an initiative through which not-for-profit, service organizations, and other groups can provide free prescription drug coverage to seniors and other underserved populations. Such plans partially address the health care crisis facing underserved populations and provide a safety net for Medicare Part D enrollees, the unemployed, and people without insurance or prescription drug coverage. Any organization that meets the criteria can offer the program, called the Rx Freedom Card, to its members at no cost to the organization or the individual. For more information, contact bbhlth@netscape.com.

Stuart N. Brotman, former president and CEO of the Museum of Television & Radio in New York and Los Angeles, has been named a research fellow at Harvard Law School’s Berkman Center for Internet & Society and a visiting scholar at Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Comparative Media Studies Program, making him the first

person to hold these appointments concurrently. During the Carter administration, he served as special assistant to the director of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

Jeffrey Clark, who served on the staff of the U.S. Agency for International Development during the Carter administration and later at The Carter Center, contributed the chapter on Ethiopia to Freedom House’s “Countries at the Crossroads 2005: Meeting the Democratic Governance Challenge,” the Washington, D.C.-based NGO’s survey of countries with emerging democratic governments. He also wrote “Election, Revolution and Democracy in Ukraine,” an examination of that country’s Orange Revolution and its citizens’ demand for free and fair elections. In September 2006, he was named a distinguished alumnus by Ohio University in Athens.

Paul Costello, who was assistant press secretary to former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, is beginning his third year as executive director of communication and public affairs at the Stanford University School of Medicine in Palo Alto, Calif. Costello returned to the U.S. mainland after serving as vice president for public affairs at the University of Hawaii, where he worked with **Evan Dobelle**, president of the University of Hawaii System. For the Summer 2006 issue of Stanford Medicine Magazine, Costello interviewed President Carter, discussing his views about evolution, religious fundamentalism, and what President Carter fears is a dangerous move toward theocracy in U.S. government. (Read the interview at: <http://mednews.stanford.edu/stanmed/2006summer/carter.html>.) Costello and his wife, **Rita Beamish**, an Associated Press investigative reporter, have two daughters: **Kelly**, 14, and **Kira**, 10. They live in San Mateo, Calif.

Catch up with former White House speechwriter and humorist, **Jerry Doolittle**, who lives in Connecticut, on his blog (www.badattitudes.com).

Mary Faye Dudley has proven that you can go home again. Upon retiring from Electronic Data Service, she returned to Americus, Ga., in 2004 to renovate her parents' old house. Dudley's career includes roles as a local volunteer at, and then assistant manager of, the Plains Press Office during the presidential campaign and transition. She directed the Environmental Protection Agency's President's Environmental Youth Awards program. During the 1980s, she moved to Australia to work, first as media and public relations consultant for the Department of Health in Victoria and later as press secretary for the minister for health. In the 1990s, she returned to the United States and served as project director for the Gibran Foundation, which collaborated with the National Park Service on the planning, fund raising, construction, and opening of the national Arab-American memorial on Massachusetts Avenue in Washington, D.C.

Robert Gates, who was special assistant to **Zbigniew Brzezinski** (national security adviser to President Carter from 1977–1981) and director of the CIA under President George H.W. Bush, is the new secretary of defense for President George W. Bush.

In June 2006, **David Hales** moved from the Washington, D.C., area to Bar Harbor, Maine, where he now serves as president of the College of the Atlantic.

Randy Jane, Office of Management and Budget associate director for national security and international affairs from 1977 to 1980, has been managing partner at Heidrick & Struggles in Washington, D.C., for the past 10 years. Under Jane's leadership, the firm has helped many top executives advance their careers. Jane reports that he enjoys working with many Carter-Mondale administration alums. He serves on the board of the Institute of Defense Analysis with former OMB colleagues **John White** and **Sue Woolsey**. Jane and his wife, **Nancy**, split their time between McLean, Va., and St. Louis, where both of their children, **Kathryn** and **Matt**, are politically active in the always-crucial swing politics of the state. Kathryn led the Coalition for the Lifesaving Cures ballot initiative, which supported stem cell research, in 2006, and Randy recently joined the board of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

Bill Krause and his wife, **Becky**, live in Huntsville, Ala., and also spend time in Decatur, Ga. Becky is a tax assessor in Huntsville; Bill reports that he is always doing or looking for international development and Democratic Party

assignments. Bill was recently senior adviser for information technology for the campaign to elect Jack Carter to the U.S. Senate. He is also in the process of producing a multimedia publication documenting his experiences.

Chuck Levin worked advance in 1976 and 1979. He lives in Los Angeles and remains active in politics, registering voters with a not-for-profit, nonpartisan voter registration organization, The First Vote, with celebrities such as **Sarah Jessica Parker** and **Alexandra Paul**.

Randy Lewis of the WH Press Office and his wife, **Sandy**, are celebrating the sixth year of their public relations firm Fitzpatrick & Lewis Public Relations. In addition to providing a full range of PR services, the firm also produces two popular free Web sites, Georgia Daily Digest.com and Georgia Political Digest.com. The sites are a daily must-read for elected officials, journalists, association executives, and business leaders. During the past year, the couple also have played an active role in helping to plan Atlanta Press Club debates. They will launch a new multistate information Web site in 2007.

Andy and Tim Lyke, brothers who both interned in the White House Office of Congressional Liaison, have returned to their hometown of Ripon, Wis. Andy is president of Ripon Printers, a commercial printing firm. Tim publishes the local newspaper, The Ripon Commonwealth Press, and is president of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association.

After 14 years as State Department correspondent and Middle East bureau chief for The Christian Science Monitor, **George Moffett**, who also worked as an assistant in the chief of staff's office, assumed the presidency of Principia College in Elmhurst, Ill., where President Carter spoke in 1999. He is the author of "The Limits of Victory: The Ratification of the Panama Canal Treaties," published by Cornell University Press.

Olin Robison lives in Shelburne, Vt., and commutes to Oxford University, where he is a fellow at the Oxford Centre for the Study of Christianity and Culture and director of the Oxford Project on Religion and Public Policy. He was president of Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt., from 1975 to 1990, now president emeritus and professor emeritus. He is also president emeritus of the Salzburg Seminar, following his tenure as president from 1991 to 2005. Robison was chairman of the President's Commission on Public Diplomacy from 1977 to 1981.

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Jack J. Schramm works part time as an international development lawyer assisting emerging and developing economies—now numbering more than 25 countries throughout the world—as they create sustainable environmental institutions and regulatory frameworks. Much of his current work is for USAID in Armenia, Georgia, and Azerbaijan on regulatory, institutional, and transboundary water issues. Schramm recently advised China’s National People’s Congress on the enactment of its Cleaner

Production Law, designed to enable China to participate in world trade. Schramm was administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency’s regional office in Philadelphia during the Carter-Mondale years and says he feels he’s put that experience to good use in the years since.

Gary South and **Christine Wei-Lee** welcomed the birth of **James Ru-Shiao Lee-South** on May 26, 2006, in Santa Monica, Calif. Parents and child are doing well, though **Christine** broke an ankle in the final weeks of her pregnancy. South runs a political consulting and media firm in California and was the state coordinator in Montana in 1976. Both South and Wei-Lee are continued supporters of The Carter Center.

Wellington E. Webb, the first African-American mayor of Denver, began a consulting and development firm after

Passages

Anthony J. Celebrezze Jr., who served in several posts in Ohio state government—senator from 1974–1978, secretary of state from 1978–1982, and attorney general from 1982–1990—passed away on July 4, 2003. Like President Carter, Celebrezze graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy (1963). President Carter appointed him in 1980 to the Board of Visitors, which he later chaired. Celebrezze traveled with former Vice President Mondale to Africa. Sharing a belief in the central importance of peacebuilding and meeting human needs, Celebrezze was a lifelong supporter of President Carter.

Gretta M. Dewald died Oct. 30, 2006, in Decatur, Ga. Dewald was active at North Decatur Presbyterian Church. Throughout her life, she volunteered with her local PTA, library, the Indian Guides, and the Cub Scouts and was a Girl Scout troop leader. Dewald became active in politics while her youngest son was still in a playpen. She helped organize the Democratic Women of DeKalb County, Ga., and worked for the Democratic Party of DeKalb, where she was elected its president and helped rewrite the state party’s bylaws. She was active in former President Jimmy Carter’s 1970 gubernatorial campaign in DeKalb County, where a large voter turnout for Carter was a notable factor in his win. She campaigned to establish MARTA, Atlanta’s public transportation system, and then served on its first board. She was a team leader in Carter’s 1976 Peanut Brigade, leading up to his presidential victory,

and co-chairperson of his DeKalb County presidential campaign.

President Carter’s aunt, **Emily Gordy Dolvin**, passed away in early December 2006 at age 94. She was Miss Lillian’s sister and was best known as “Aunt Sissy.” She campaigned tirelessly in the 1976 campaign in more than 40 states, and her determination was given major credit for the primary win in Maine. She was a community leader in volunteer activities for most of her adult life and was for many years director of the volunteer office at The Carter Center.

James L. Humlicek, 60, a two-term former Democratic national committeeman from Utah, died in July 2006 of heart disease. Humlicek was a member of the Democratic National Committee from 1996 to 2004. He was appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1993 to direct the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Services Agency in Utah, which administers federal farm programs and loans to state farmers and ranchers. He served as the agency’s executive director until 2001. Humlicek worked also on several presidential campaign staffs, including those of Clinton and John Kerry, and served on the staff of Salt Lake County Commissioner Randy Horiuchi. “Most high-level political people are hard-charging and a bit cynical, but Jim was the opposite,” said Horiuchi. “He was compassionate, kind, and always took the high

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serving three terms and leaving office in 2003. Webb Group International works with a variety of clients in health care, government, development, and hotel services. Webb was the Colorado Carter campaign manager in 1976 and served as one of President Carter's regional directors for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from 1977 to 1980. In February 2007, Fulcrum Publishing will release Webb's memoirs, which include chapters describing his work for President Carter.

Passages, cont.

road in political campaigns." Humlicek was helpful to the 1976 Carter presidential campaign in Nebraska as a member of the Lincoln mayor's staff.

Claude Beverly Lance, 45, son of former Office of Management and Budget Director Bert Lance, passed away in October 2006.

Linda Shepard, 60, passed away in late October 2006, from complications related to an earlier stroke. Shepard was active in the 1976 primary campaign, when she worked for Bill Lockyer, and was a Carter delegate to the 1976 Democratic Convention. Recently she had worked with the Rev. Johnny Coleman and a large church congregation in Chicago. She also was a licensed professor at the Universal Foundation for Better Living. Shepard was an international board member of the United National Development Fund for Women and served two terms as vice president of human resources for the American Public Transit Association.

Gordon R. Wynne Jr., from Willis Point, Texas, who staged productions from Broadway to the Beltway and found time to practice law as well, died this summer of complications from pneumonia in Rhodes, Greece. He was 73. Wynne was appointed vice president in charge of production and programming of Compass Productions, which produced the "Hallmark Hall of Fame" television

Carter Teaches Sunday School in Plains, Ga.

Carter-Mondale administration alumni traveling to Georgia should contact Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains at (229) 824-7896 to attend President Carter's Sunday school class. The church's phone line offers a recorded announcement listing several weeks' worth of dates on which President Carter will teach. For lodging, contact either the Plains Inn in Plains, Ga., at (229) 824-5445 or the Windsor Hotel in Americus, Ga., at (229) 924-1555. Both hotels have been renovated and restored. Or, call Carter-Mondale alum Mary Faye Dudley, who says she would be happy to host travelers, provided her guestroom isn't already occupied by grandchildren, at (229) 931-9300.

series, the Broadway production of "Write Me a Murder," and the musical "To Broadway with Love" at the 1964 World's Fair. He worked with actress Judy Garland. Active in Democratic Party politics, Wynne was counsel to John White when White was national party chairman. He also served as President Carter's executive director of the White House Task Force on Multilateral Trade Agreement and as chairman of the White House Task Force on Energy Conservation. He worked with Bob Strauss, U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union in the special trade representatives office during that nation's transition from communism to democracy. Wynne deftly mixed politics and show business, producing inaugural galas for Texas Govs. Dolph Briscoe, Mark White, and Ann Richards as well as three nominating conventions for the Democratic National Party. At the 1980 Democratic National Convention, Wynne ordered two innovations: an elevator at the speakers' podium so that both shorter- and taller-than-average speakers could stand behind it with decorum and an air conditioner built into the lectern to keep speakers from perspiring.

Conference to Examine Carter Presidency

On Jan. 19–21, 2007, the University of Georgia hosts a conference, “The Carter Presidency: Lessons for the 21st Century,” at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education in Athens. Conference events will explore the political challenges and successes of the Carter administration with an eye for solutions that might be applied to current world



Vice President Mondale and President Carter in 1978.

issues. President and Mrs. Carter and Vice President Mondale will deliver keynote addresses. “NBC Nightly News” anchor Brian Williams will moderate discussion panels that include many Carter-Mondale alumni. For conference news and registration information, visit www.uga.edu/carterconference/program.html.

About This Newsletter

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